

Stockport, where he subsequently settled and spent the remnant of his life. He supposed this road would be a great thoroughfare between the two rivers, while the north and south road would bring travel from the south, and both concentrate at Harmony.*

The next spring we find Mr. Stanton upon the lot of land he first purchased in this town, making improvements. He cleared a little land and built a small cabin.

A brief description of this cabin, in which the hardy pioneer of this town spent his first winter with his family, will not be out of place. Poor as it was, it was the best their circumstances would allow. It will also keep us reminded how many privations are endured by those enterprising men who have left the comforts of good society, to provide a home for their children, as well as to lay for them the foundations of good moral and religious institutions.

This cabin was situated a few rods southeast of Mr. Minor Murnford's residence. It was about ten rods east of the present Belmont and Easton Turnpike.

For the want of help to raise this cabin, it was built of poles. It was about twelve by fourteen feet on the ground, and had but one room. After he had raised it to such a height that he could stand upright in it, the poles were gradually drawn in on each side

* See Appendix, No. 6.

till they met at the ridge. Upon these were laid hemlock bark for a roof. A few stones were laid for a hearth, and built up a few feet in the rear, to form a protection against the fire. Upon this platform were piled huge logs, from which the smoke ascended and found its way out through an opening left in the roof for this purpose. The cabin stood with its ends east and west. The fire was at the east end. The door was in the south side. Windows it had none. He was able to bring but little household furniture into this wilderness. He, therefore, made use of such as he could hastily make with a few tools, from the native forest. There were no cabinet-makers—no saw-mills.

Mrs. Lillibridge, his daughter, in speaking of her parent's furniture when they first moved into this cabin, says: "It was not much. A white pine table, a chest of drawers with legs, two bedsteads which would now be worth about two dollars a-piece, four splint-bottom chairs, a trammel for the fire-place, a looking-glass, a few dishes set upon a shelf, pewter platters, pewter plates, and basins of the same materials; also some trenchers. Two children, a dog and a cat, made up the family circle when first they arrived in town." Mr. Stanton took slabs which he split from the logs, and constructed a door. Boards made in the same manner were used for the floor. Into this humble dwelling he moved his family on the tenth day of April, 1791. During this season he had the society of a few settlers, to be noticed hereafter, who had come without their families to begin